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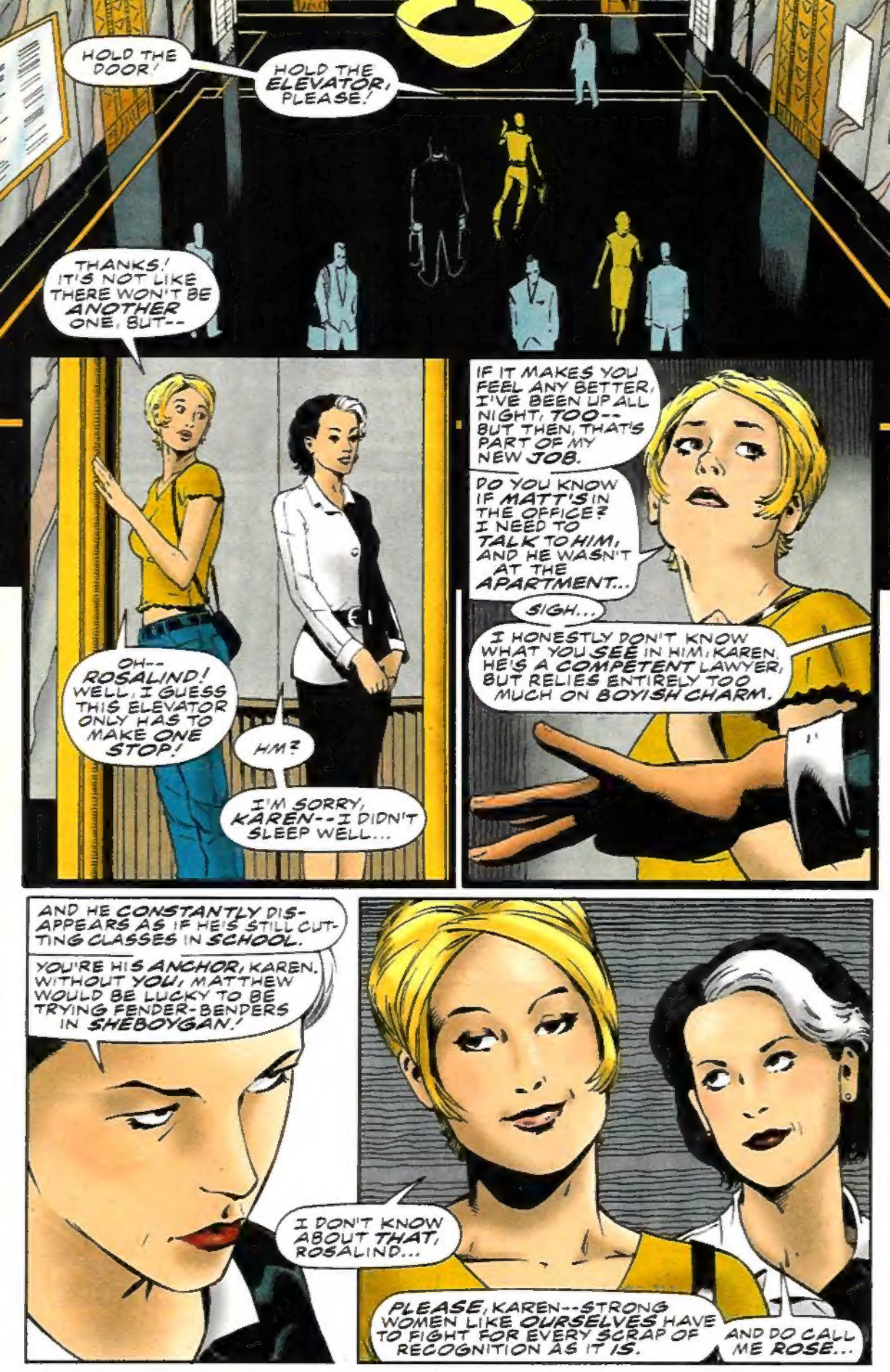
ALONE AGAINST THE ABSORBING MAN!

THE FF ARE GONE... THE AVENGERS ARE GONE... THIS TOWN'S MINE NOW!
AIN'T NO ONE CAN STOP CRUSHER CREEL!
LEAST OF ALL SOME SKINNY JERK JUMPIN' AROUND IN RED TIGHTS!
SKRESHH!
OKAY, CREEL--I WAS GOING TO BRING YOU IN BECAUSE YOU'RE ROBBING THE DIAMOND EXCHANGE...
...BUT CALLING ME NAMES? NOW IT'S PERSONAL!
YOU STICK WITH YOUR BALL-AND-CHAIN, I'LL USE THESE PEARLS...
"...AND WE'LL SEE WHO'S THE LAST MAN STANDING!"
RNG!
GEE--IS IT JUST ME, OR IS THERE SOME SORT OF SYMBOLIC MORAL HERE?
SKATTA-KLATATA-KLAKKA!

'COURSE, YOU AIN'T GOIN' THE EASY WAY...
I COULD FEEL THE TEMPERATURE AROUND HIM DROP AS HE ABSORBED THE GUN'S PROPERTIES AND CHANGED FROM WARM BRICK TO COLD STEEL.
...YER GOIN' MY WAY!
YEAH-- THE MORAL IS I GET ONE A' THE GUARD'S GUNS, YOU GET DEAD!
END OF STORY!
I KNEW THAT BECAUSE A CHILDHOOD ACCIDENT LEFT ME WITH HEIGHTENED SENSES.
IT ALSO LEFT ME BLIND, BUT RIGHT NOW I CONSIDER THAT A PLUS.
LET'S JUST SAY WHEN CREEL ENTERS A FIGHT AND THEY SAY THINGS "JUST GOT UGLY," THEY AREN'T TALKING ABOUT HOW VICIOUS HE IS.
ALTHOUGH THERE'S THAT, TOO.
YER OUTTA YER LEAGUE, HORNHEAD! YER UP AGAINST THE ABSORBIN' MAN!

...GUTTER BALLS?
SHOWS WHAT YOU KNOW, CREEL! SUPER HEROES DON'T BELONG TO A LEAGUE--THEY BELONG TO A UNION!
UNLESS WE'RE TALKING BOWLING LEAGUE--IN WHICH CASE I'D REALLY RECOMMEND WORKING ON YOUR FORM.
FOLLOW THROUGH WITH YOUR ARM MORE AND DEFINITELY LOSE THE CHAIN OR ALL YOU'RE GOING TO ROLL ARE...
SHRAK-
KRMMBLLRMMBL
CANADA DRY
VA WANNA TALK BOWLIN', WISEGUY?
OKAY--ONE STRIKE AN' YER OUT!
NOW I'M GONNA GO GET A BREW... THEN TEAR DOWN WHERE THAT CAT-PLAY'S BEEN RUNNIN' THE LAST COUPLE A' CENTURIES!
I'M SICK A' HEARIN' THAT "MEMORY" SONG!
I DON'T KNOW WHICH IS WORSE--CREEL TREATING ME LIKE AN INSIGNIFICANT SPECK--OR AGREEING WITH HIM ABOUT THAT SONG.
ALL I DO KNOW IS THAT IF I DON'T STOP HIM, NYC WILL BECOME THE VACATION SPOT OF THE CRIMINAL CLASS.
NOT EXACTLY THE KIND OF TOURISTS WHO BRING DOLLARS INTO A COMMUNITY...


HOLD THE DOOR!
HOLD THE ELEVATOR, PLEASE!
THANKS! IT'S NOT LIKE THERE WON'T BE ANOTHER ONE, BUT--
OH-- ROSALIND! WELL, I GUESS THIS ELEVATOR ONLY HAS TO MAKE ONE STOP!
HM?
I'M SORRY, KAREN--I DIDN'T SLEEP WELL...
IF IT MAKES YOU FEEL ANY BETTER, I'VE BEEN UP ALL NIGHT, TOO-- BUT THEN, THAT'S PART OF MY NEW JOB.
DO YOU KNOW IF MATT'S IN THE OFFICE? I NEED TO TALK TO HIM, AND HE WASN'T AT THE APARTMENT...
SIGH...
I HONESTLY DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU SEE IN HIM, KAREN. HE'S A COMPETENT LAWYER, BUT RELIES ENTIRELY TOO MUCH ON BOYISH CHARM.
AND HE CONSTANTLY DISAPPEARS AS IF HE'S STILL CUTTING CLASSES IN SCHOOL.
YOU'RE HIS ANCHOR, KAREN. WITHOUT YOU, MATTHEW WOULD BE LUCKY TO BE TRYING FENDER-BENDERS IN SHEBOYGAN!
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT, ROSALIND...
PLEASE, KAREN--STRONG WOMEN LIKE OURSELVES HAVE TO FIGHT FOR EVERY SCRAP OF RECOGNITION AS IT IS.
AND DO CALL ME ROSE...

...WE ARE HAVING LUNCH IN A FEW DAYS, AFTER ALL, AND I RESERVE THAT TIME FOR CLIENTS AND PEOPLE I RESPECT.
I CERTAINLY CONSIDER YOU AMONG THE LATTER, KAREN.
BY THE WAY-- WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT WSFK?
HUH? UH, WHY DO YOU ASK... ROSE?
WE MIGHT TAKE THE STATION AS A CLIENT, THAT'S ALL.
TALKING TO YOU REMINDED ME OF IT, FOR SOME REASON, NO MATTER-- I'LL HAVE MISTY KNIGHT LOOK INTO IT.
SUNNY-- CONTACT KNIGHT-WING RESTORATIONS ABOUT THAT, WOULD YOU?
AND MS. PAGE IS HERE TO SEE MATTHEW. IS HE IN BY SOME MINUSCULE CHANCE?
INDEED HE IS NOT, MS. SHARPE. HOWEVER, MR. NELSON IS CURRENTLY PRESENT...
...AND HE IS NOT ALONE.
THAT OSBORN WOMAN?
WORSE BAD NEWS, MS. SHARPE. IT IS--

--JUST THE BEGINNING, MOM!
WE'VE GOT SOME OF THE TOP NAMES IN THE COUNTRY CALLING US NOW-- MADONNA, ARNOLD, HILLARY...
DID I MENTION WE'RE OVERSEEING THE FANTASTIC FOUR'S HOLDINGS?
I TELL YOU, MOM-- SHARPE, NELSON AND MURDOCK WILL BE THE COUNTRY'S TOP LAW FIRM IN--
OH. UM... HELLO, ROSALIND.
FRANKLIN.
I SEE YOU'RE GIVING ANNA NELSON A TOUR.
YES, WELL, UM...
OH, OF COURSE! I'M SORRY-- YOU'RE FOGGY'S MOTHER, AREN'T YOU?
HARDLY, KAREN. THIS IS MERELY MY EX-HUSBAND'S SECOND WIFE.
MRS. NELSON MOST CERTAINLY ISN'T MY SON'S MOTHER.

GOTTA LEARN THINGS THE HARD WAY, HUH?
WELL, NEXT TIME I WANNA BEER, BET YER GONNA GIVE IT TO ME!
LUCKY THAT WASN'T MY FAVORITE COFFEE HOUSE, MAN.
TIME
BUT I STILL GOTTA SERVE AND PROTECT. I STILL GOTTA TAKE YOU OUT AND BRING YOU IN.
ALL THAT'S LEFT IS YOUR MIRANDA RIGHTS.
WHAT ARE YA, SOME KIND'A CRAZY COP, KID... 'R JUST PLAIN CRAZY THINKIN' YA CAN BRING IN CRUSHER CREEL ALL BY YER LONESOME.
YER A DEAD MAN, I KNOW THAT! SOON AS I GET MY HANDS ON--
UGH! YA GOT ME, COPPER!
BLAM BLAM BLAM
BUT I GOT "NEWS" FOR YA, KID-- NOW I'M GONNA GET--

ANYONE SEE THE ABSORBING MAN?
COULD'VE SWORN I HEARD THE ABSORBING MAN WAS AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE.
HMM. NOW WHERE COULD HE BE...?
--YUUGH!
TAWET!
RIGHT WHERE YA DON'T WANT ME, DAREDEVIL! AN' JUST LIKE YA DON'T WANT ME...
...ITCHIN' TO BREAK YOU IN HALF!
DETECTIVE DANNY LEVIN, DD--YOU OKAY, MAN?
JUST SLIPPED ON SOME GUTTER SLIME, DETECTIVE...
...BUT I THINK YOU SHOULD FALL BACK. IF I FIND CREEL, THINGS COULD GET DANGEROUS!

LIKE IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!
WITH HIS RASPING BREATH, SCRAPING CONCRETE SKIN, AND THUNDEROUS FOOTSTEPS, I WOULDN'T EXACTLY CALL CREEL A STEALTH VILLAIN.
I ALMOST DON'T NEED MY RADAR SENSE.
WHAT D'YA MEAN--"IF?" I'M RIGHT HERE, HORNHEAD!
WHAT'RE YA--BLIND?!?
WHAT I DO NEED IS EVERY TRICK IN THE BOOK AND EVERY BREAK I CAN GET--OTHER THAN MY OWN BONES.
I USE HIS OWN MOMENTUM TO FLIP HIM. HE DOESN'T EVEN HAVE THE COMMON COURTESY TO LET IT KNOCK THE WIND OUT OF HIM.
CREEL'S ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL BEINGS ON EARTH... BUT THEN I'VE FOUGHT THE HULK AND NAMOR.
I DIDN'T REALLY WIN THOSE FIGHTS, BUT IT'S THE THOUGHT THAT COUNTS.
WHUMM!
AND RIGHT NOW I'M THINKING: I DIDN'T REALLY WIN THOSE FIGHTS! WHAT AM I THINKING?!?
OH--THERE HE IS!
THANKS FOR HELPING ME FIND THE ABSORBING MAN, DETECTIVE--I'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE.
HOLD 'IM, DON'T TRY TO FOLD 'IM, DD!
DON'T WORRY, DETECTIVE--CREEL ISN'T MUCH MORE THAN A SUPER-POWERED PAPER TOWEL! NOW IF HIS GIRLFRIEND TITANIA WAS HERE--
THAT TEARS IT! EVERYONE THINKS I'M NOTHIN'! EVERYONE SAYS I ONLY DO WHAT TITANIA SAYS!
WELL, I'M CRUSHER CREEL--THE ABSORBIN' MAN-AN' I CALL THE SHOTS IN THIS 'OWN NOW!
I DON'T NEED TITANIA! SHE DON'T OWN ME AN I AIN'T SCARED A--

SPEAK OF THE DEVIL! THERE'S TITANIA NOW!
WHUH--?!?
OKAY--IT'S A CHEAP SHOT, BUT IT GIVES ME THE OPENING I NEED
KWOK!
I HIT HIM LIKE I WON'T GET A SECOND CHANCE, KEEPING HIM REELING SO HE CAN'T EVEN THINK ABOUT ABSORBING ANYTHING.
THAK!
BUT CREEL'S PUT TOGETHER LIKE A PIT-BULL AND I HAVE NO IDEA WHICH'LL GIVE OUT FIRST--HIS LEGS...
TITANIA--UNGH!--AIN'T HERE!
SO SUE ME!
MY LAWYERS ARE SHARPE, NELSON AND MURDOCK!
KA-KWANG!
...OR MY LUCK!
YER GONNA BE REAL SORRY YA DID THAT, DAREDEVIL!
SUDDENLY, BURNING COALS ARE CLAMPED AROUND MY WRIST.
ONE GOOD THING ABOUT EXCRUCIATING PAIN--YOU FORGET ALL THE OTHER WORRIES IN YOUR LIFE!

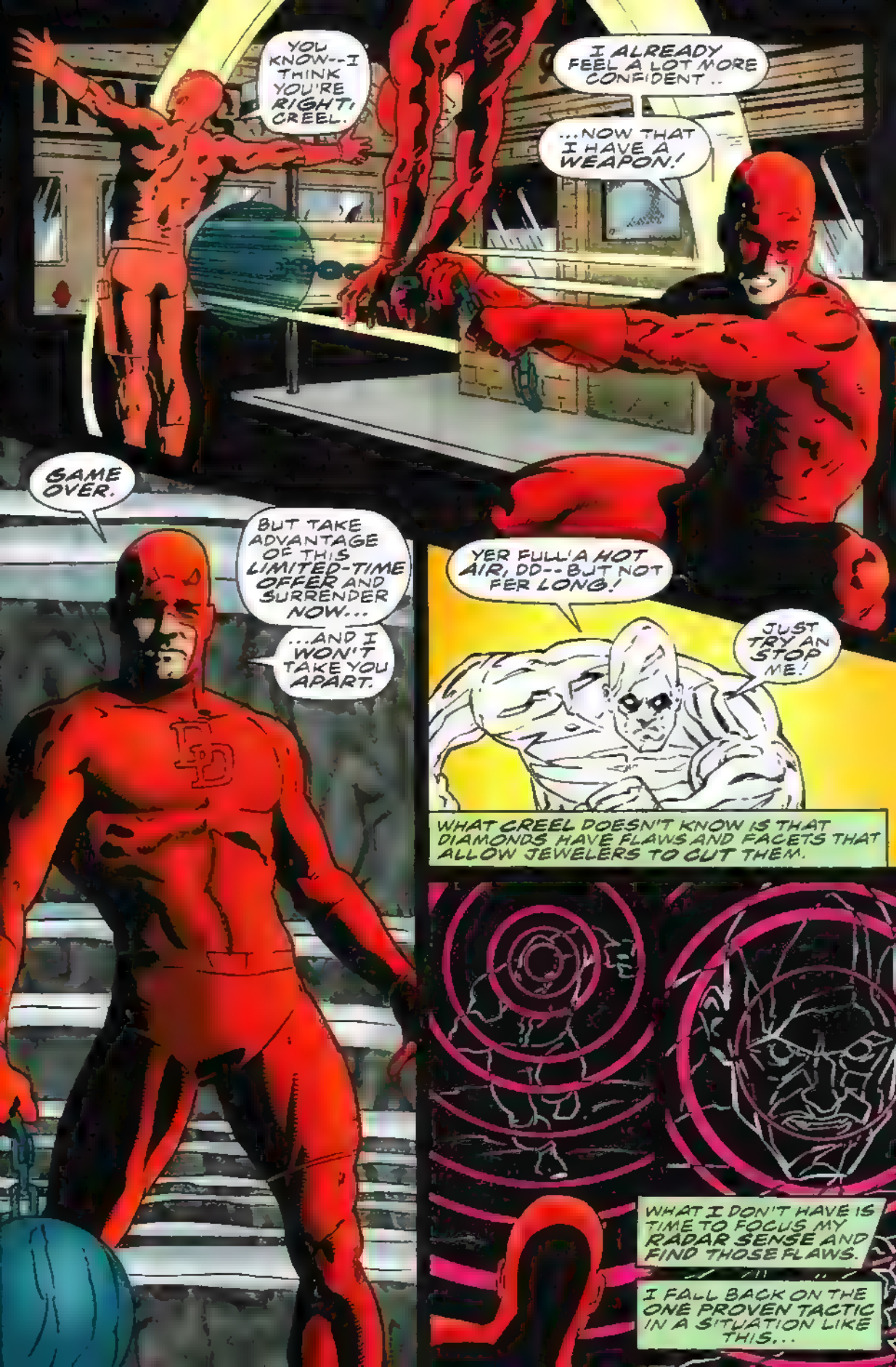
--DON'T KNOW WHY HE'D EVER WANT TO WORK WITH YOU!
COULD IT POSSIBLY BE BECAUSE I'M SUCCESSFUL AND HE ADMIRES ME?
DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S WHY HE WENT INTO LAW IN THE FIRST PLACE? ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU'RE AFRAID OF?
I, UM... I THINK THIS IS A PRIVATE CONVERSATION. I'LL JUST CLOSE THIS DOOR FOR A FEW MINUTES.
IF WE'RE NOT OUT SOON YOU, UM, MIGHT WANT TO CALL HOMICIDE.
YOU ABANDONED HIM, ROSALIND! YOU DIDN'T RAISE HIM AND YOU CERTAINLY NEVER CARED FOR FOGGY!
I CERTAINLY NEVER CARED FOR THAT NICKNAME.
WHY YOU ALLOWED FRANKLIN TO BE SADDLED WITH IT IS BEYOND ME.
TRUE. I WASN'T READY FOR A CHILD WHEN I HAD FRANKLIN, BUT I HOPE TO MAKE THAT UP TO HIM NOW...
...WHILE THERE'S STILL TIME TO UNDO THE DAMAGE THAT'S BEEN DONE.
THE ONLY PERSON YOU EVER CARED FOR WAS YOURSELF, RAZOR! EVEN WHEN YOU WERE MARRIED TO MY HUSBAND, IT WAS ONLY BECAUSE--
EXCUSE ME FOR APOLOGIZING, MS. SHARPE BUT DAREDEVIL IS FIGHTING AN EVIL VILLAIN..
...AND JOURNALISTIC REPORTERS ARE CALLING FOR A QUOTE FROM MR. NELSON.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND-- WHY WOULD THEY NEED TO TALK TO YOU, FOGGY?
WELL, UM, I ACTUALLY KNOW DD PRETTY WELL, MOM, AND WORD'S KIND OF GETTING AROUND...
I GUESS THIS IS MY FIFTEEN MINUTES OF FAME.
IT'LL LAST MUCH LONGER THAN THAT, FRANKLIN--I ASSURE YOU. SIMPLY LEAVE EVERYTHING TO ME.
DON'T, FOGGY. DON'T TRUST HER...
I CAN HANDLE IT, MOM.!
THIS IS SOMETHING I WANT-- THIS IS IMPORTANT TO ME!
NO ONE'S EVER CARED ABOUT WHAT I THOUGHT BEFORE--AND IF ROSE WANTS TO HELP, THAT'S OKAY, TOO.!
THEN YOU'VE ALREADY MADE A DEAL WITH THE DEVIL, FOGGY!
DON'T GET UP-- I KNOW THE WAY OUT...
MOM--!
LET HER BE, FRANKLIN--SHE'S OBVIOUSLY OVER-WROUGHT. SUNNY WILL ARRANGE FOR A CAR TO TAKE HER WHEREVER SHE WANTS...
...WHILE WE PREPARE FOR YOUR AFTERNOON NEWS CONFERENCE.

IT TOOK ME ALMOST ONE SECOND TO DECIDE I WASN'T GOING TO LET CREE BURN MY HAND OFF...
I GUESS I WAS TOO ATTACHED TO IT.
SKROK!
OKAY--EASY JOKE. ANYONE WITH HALF A BRAIN COULD SEE IT COMING...
...BUT I GUESS THE BRICK I SCOOPED UP WAS ANOTHER STORY.
OH--BUT WHAT YOU WERE DOING WAS OKAY?
IF IT MAKES YOU FEEL ANY BETTER, I DIDN'T DO IT ON PURPOSE. IT'S NOT MY FAULT HOT COALS SHATTER SO EASILY!
MY HAND!
YA CREEP--YA BROKE OFF MY HAND!
THINK IT'S FUNNY?
THINK I CAN JUST PUT IT BACK ON?
KZKZHZ
THINK I NEVER REASSEMBLED MYSELF BEFORE.
WELL, YER WRONG, HORNHEAD..

...FER THE LAST TIME!
FWOOMP!
...SO I'LL JUST GET TOUGHER--THANKS TA THESE BABIES I BEEN CARRYIN' AROUND ALL MORNIN'!
MAYBE HOT COALS AIN'T SO TOUGH...
HELPFUL HINTS FOR SUPER HEROES #37--UNDERESTIMATING THE SPEED OF A FOE BECAUSE HE'S MADE OF THE HARDEST NATURAL SUBSTANCE ON EARTH...
SEE--YA DON'T GET MUCH TOUGHER THAN LIVIN' DIAMOND!
...WILL HURT YOU MORE THAN IT HURTS HIM!
WHAK!
ROLLING WITH THE BLOW, OF COURSE, WILL INCREASE YOUR CHANCE OF SURVIVAL...
...AND YOUR THRESHOLD FOR PAIN--ASSUMING YOU DON'T PASS OUT.

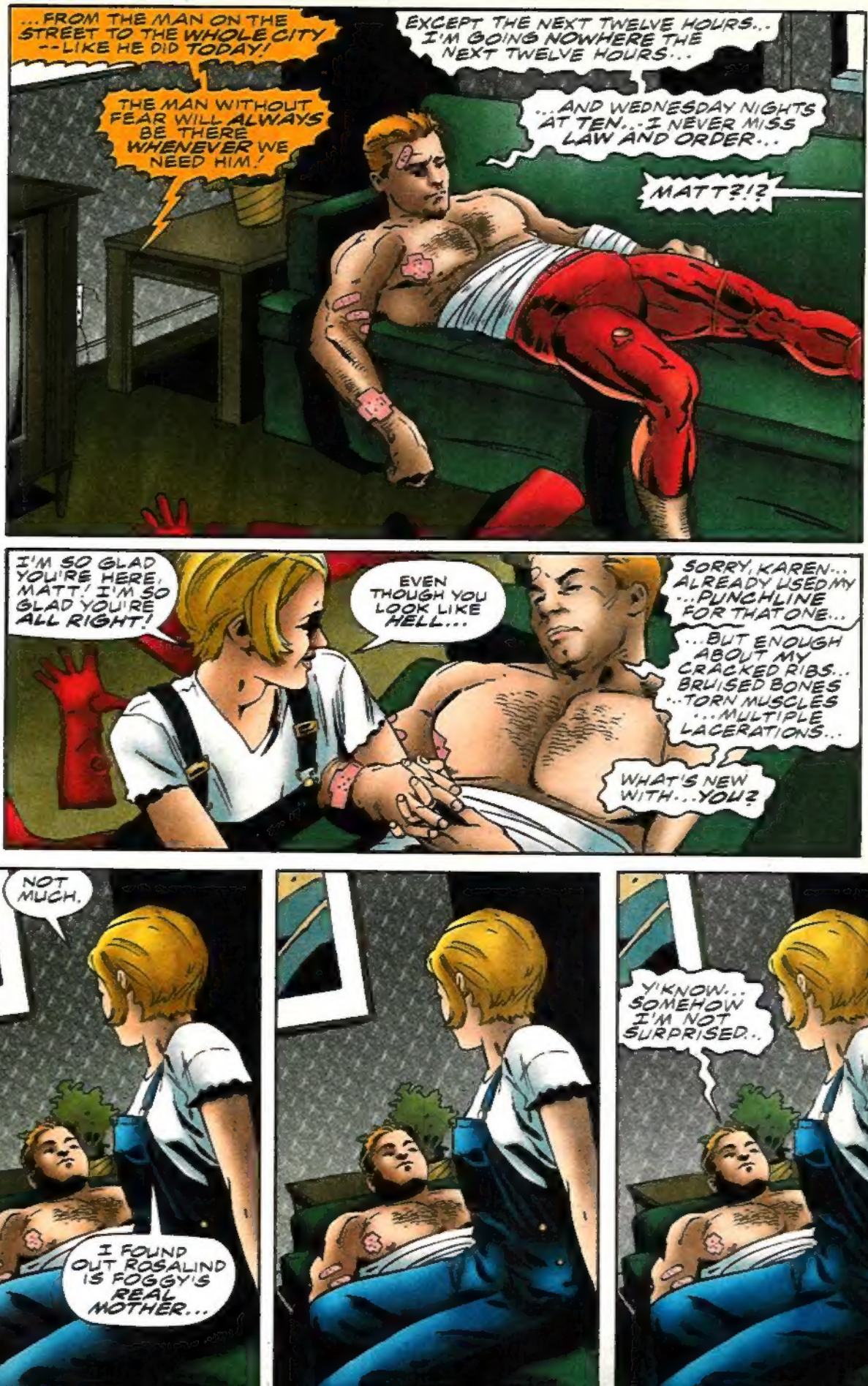
SWAKK!
BE CAREFUL, HOWEVER, NOT TO SET YOURSELF UP FOR THE FOLLOW-THROUGH PUNCH.
THIS IS A MISTAKE EVEN EXPERIENCED CRIMEFIGHTERS MAKE FROM TIME TO TIME.
IF YOU'RE STILL ALIVE AT THIS POINT, IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO START AVOIDING YOUR OPPONENT'S BLOWS.
STAND STILL!
I'M GONNA TAKE THAT HORNHEAD A'YERS CLEAN OFF!
ASSESS THE SITUATION IN A QUICK AND TIMELY FASHION, PAYING PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO POSSIBLE LIVES AT STAKE...
...AND THEN ACT IN A MANNER THAT WILL PRESERVE THOSE LIVES.
SORRY, CREEL-- THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE MY KIND OF FUN!
I'M OUT OF HERE!
"DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR"--HA!
DON'T WORRY, DD-- CRUSHER CREEL'S THE LAST GUY YER EVER GONNA BE SCARED OF!


YOU KNOW--I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT, CREEL.
I ALREADY FEEL A LOT MORE CONFIDENT..
...NOW THAT I HAVE A WEAPON!
GAME OVER.
BUT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS LIMITED-TIME OFFER AND SURRENDER NOW...
...AND I WON'T TAKE YOU APART.
YER FULL'A HOT AIR, DD--BUT NOT FER LONG!
JUST TRY AN STOP ME!
WHAT CREEL DOESN'T KNOW IS THAT DIAMONDS HAVE FLAWS AND FACETS THAT ALLOW JEWELERS TO CUT THEM.
WHAT I DON'T HAVE IS TIME TO FOCUS MY RADAR SENSE AND FIND THOSE FLAWS.
I FALL BACK ON THE ONE PROVEN TACTIC IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS...

...PRAY FOR A MIRACLE!
THRAK-KOOM!
MY EARS ARE RINGING ...MY LEGS ARE NUMB ...MY WEAPON'S SHATTERED. NOT BAD, CONSIDERING.
THEN SOMETHING HAPPENS THAT'D MAKE ME DO A DOUBLE-TAKE IF I WASN'T BLIND...
...CREEL'S ARM STARTS CRAWLING TOWARD ME!
MY ARM'S MISSIN'! YA BUSTED MY ARM OFF!
I'LL GET YA, DD-- ONE WAY'R ANOTHER!
AND I'VE ALREADY USED MY ALLOTMENT OF MIRACLES...

DETECTIVE--YOUR GUN! ONLY A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH!
IT'S EMPTY, MAN.
PERFECT!
THIS IS WHAT IT ALWAYS SEEMS TO COME DOWN TO FOR ME--A BALANCING ACT.
MY ONLY HOPE AGAINST CREEL IS TO CONCENTRATE MY RADAR SENSE AND FIND THE FLAWS IN HIM.
I DON'T EVEN HAVE TIME TO THINK ABOUT HOW MUCH BLOOD I'M LOSING.
BUT THAT DISTRACTS ME AND SLOWS ME DOWN ENOUGH THAT CREEL KEEPS LANDING GLANCING, SLICING BLOWS.
I MOVE IN AND OUT LIKE A GUERRILLA JEWELER USING ALL MY STRENGTH TO CHIP AWAY A SMALL SHARD WHEREVER I FIND A WEAK SPOT.
I NEED A HUNDRED DIRECT HITS LIKE THAT.
CREEL ONLY NEEDS ONE.
WHEN I TASTE BLOOD MIXED WITH SWEAT AND EVERY MUSCLE SCREAMS AND A COMA SOUNDS LIKE A WELL-DESERVED VACATION...
...IT'S ALL THAT KEEPS ME GOING.
I'M WALKING A THIN LINE AND WORKING WITHOUT A NET.
BUT THAT'S THE WAY I LIKE IT.

GONNA TEAR YOU APART, DD!
I'M THE ABSORBIN' MAN! I'VE TAKEN OUT EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES!
IT AIN'T OVER! I CAN STILL REASSEMBLE MYSELF!
RIGHT NOW YOU COULDN'T TAKE OUT THE TRASH... CREEL.
ONE MORE STEP AND...YOU'LL CRACK IN.. HALF...
THAT'S RIGHT, STRIPES--FROM THE SAFETY OF A CELL!
I CALLED THIS IN AT THE OUTSET--FOR ONCE HELP REALLY IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER.
LEAVE THIS TO THE BOYS IN BLUE, RED. YOU WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND--BUT I GOT TO SAY YOU LOOK LIKE HELL!
THANKS...
ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT'S HOW...THE DEVIL SHOULD LOOK...
--WAS TAKEN AWAY IN SPECIAL POWER-DAMPENING RESTRAINTS!
DAREDEVIL DISAPPEARED WITHOUT COMMENT, BUT HIS CLOSE FRIEND FRANKLIN NELSON IS IN THE LOBBY OF THE MASON BUILDING RIGHT NOW...
--LUCKY TO BE DD'S PAL--HE'S THE SORT OF GUY WHO'D HELP ANYONE...


...FROM THE MAN ON THE STREET TO THE WHOLE CITY --LIKE HE DID TODAY!
THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR WILL ALWAYS BE THERE WHENEVER WE NEED HIM!
EXCEPT THE NEXT TWELVE HOURS... I'M GOING NOWHERE THE NEXT TWELVE HOURS...
...AND WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT TEN..I NEVER MISS LAW AND ORDER...
MATT?!?
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE, MATT! I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!
EVEN THOUGH YOU LOOK LIKE HELL...
SORRY, KAREN... ALREADY USED MY ...PUNCHLINE FOR THAT ONE...
...BUT ENOUGH ABOUT MY CRACKED RIBS... BRUISED BONES ...TORN MUSCLES ...MULTIPLE LACERATIONS...
WHAT'S NEW WITH...YOU?
NOT MUCH.
I FOUND OUT ROSALIND IS FOGGY'S REAL MOTHER...
Y'KNOW... SOMEHOW I'M NOT SURPRISED..

WELL, YOU GET SOME REST, MATT.
I NEED A LITTLE SHUT-EYE MYSELF BEFORE WORK TONIGHT.
YOU, UH...YOU DIDN'T CALL ME THERE LAST NIGHT, DID YOU? AT MY JOB?
ME?
YOU HAVEN'T EVEN TOLD ME WHERE YOU WORK, KAREN...
I KNOW, BUT...WELL, THERE'RE WAYS YOU COULD'VE FOUND OUT.
OF COURSE, I HEAR DAREDEVIL CALLED PAIGE ANGEL'S SHOW OVER AT WFSK...
YOU--!!
I KNEW IT WAS YOU!
HEY! I'M AN INJURED MAN WHO NEARLY GAVE MY LIFE SAVING THE CITY! CAREFUL! CAREFUL!
MATT MURDOCK DID NOT PHONE KAREN PAGE AT HER MYSTERIOUS, SECRET JOB LAST NIGHT--PROMISE.
END.

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Dear Advocates,

I should probably start by saying that I was never a big fan of DD. As a kid, he always seemed a lot like Batman dressed in red. I gave him a try a couple of years ago during the much-hyped "Fall From Grace" storyline and was unimpressed with what I saw. However, the arrival of *Superboy* scribe Karl Kesel prompted me to try this title again.

To say that DAREDEVIL has improved would be an understatement. What had been convoluted and depressing has been transformed into one of the most enjoyable reads on the shelves. Never before had I expected to have fun reading DD.

Matt's new lease on life must be catching, because all of the characters in this title seem new again. Foggy Nelson had always seemed outdated to me, like an overweight Jimmy Olsen. In Karl's hands, he has become a vibrant character and not just the comic relief of the title.

What's more, it would seem that DD is going to be acquiring his own gallery of rogues. Mr. Hyde is an excellent start. I'm not at all familiar with the character, but as drawn by the marvelous Cary Nord he is intimidating indeed. Also intriguing is the enigmatic Eel. I look forward to seeing more of him in the future as well.

Perhaps the most interesting character, however, is "Razor" Sharpe. Clearly, she and Matt are headed towards a major confrontation. She seems to be in an awful hurry to discredit her new partner. Whatever her motives, I look forward to the slow unraveling of this fantastic subplot.

And speaking of subplots, am I correct in assuming that Karen is currently an employee of one of DD's most hated foes? Things just keep getting better and better!

Greg Laber
(Address withheld by request)

Response to what Karl, Cary, and Matt have been doing has been great—the Radar Crew would like to extend our thanks....

Dear DAREDEVIL,

Went down to my local comics retailer and picked up three Marvel generated titles: DAREDEVIL #357, BLACKLASH & SPIDER-MAN, and ONSLAUGHT: MARVEL UNIVERSE! Marvel is really getting into gear with exciting stories, events and so on. Karl Kesel is doing a great job on DAREDEVIL—the stories are smooth, crisp and fresh! Well done, Karl!

Thanks for the return of Karen & Foggy! I love Foggy. Foggy goes with Daredevil like cream cheese goes with celery! The court drama was intense—I guess clearing Hyde of charges would make anyone perspire! Hyde is a very intimidating character—he looked fierce! When Ox put the hold on Eel, it made my bones hurt. The artwork is so realistic—smooth touch with the pencils by Cary Nord and good dramatic flair done by inker Matt Ryan! Everyone on your team is doing a good job with DAREDEVIL. If Spider-Man didn't exist, I think Daredevil would have been the pivotal point for the Marvel Universe. Daredevil is one awesome character! Looking forward to the next ish! Way cool!

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DD, the pivotal point of the Marvel Universe?! Heck, that's quite an honor you've bestowed upon the ol' redman, Paul! And all if Spidey didn't exist, huh? That's got us thinkin' . . . .

Dear People,

To be totally honest, DAREDEVIL is a rather new book to me. I've been reading it off and on for less than a year. But with the addition of Kesel, Nord and Ryan, I've decided to stick it out for the long haul.

The relationship between Matt and Karen is an engaging one. They seem beautifully suited for each other, although I'm curious about how her mysterious job will affect her and Matt (especially in light of Matt having heard Karen's voice in the midst of battling the Enforcers).

Matt's rapport with Foggy is a genuine one. I'm pleased to see a friendship which is not only honest (except for that little blemish of Matt keeping his secret identity from Foggy for so long), but strong and comfortable as well.

I'm looking forward to discovering the connection between Foggy and "Razor." The fact that she knows (and apparently dislikes) Foggy's mother adds a new wrinkle to the mystery.

I was surprised and delighted to see Misty Knight appear in the pages of DAREDEVIL. I hope this means that she will become a regular character. Her presence would add an interesting element to the book.

I'm anxious to see what Karl Kesel has in store for Matthew. Thanks for a great comic.

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You're welcome, Angie. And if you enjoyed the recent appearance of Misty Knight in this mag, keep your bananas peeled for her return and Colleen Wing's in upcoming issues. Also, Iron Fist action is coming up in the new Roger Stern/Pascual Ferry POWER CORPS series this spring!

Dear DAREDEVIL,
Re: #357

DAREDEVIL this month spotlighted one of the facets of the comic book mythos which is missing so much these days—the smart super hero. Too many stories focus on fights or on the character who is still getting comfortable with his or her role as a costumed crime-fighter. Daredevil is neither of these. He wins the fight because he outsmarts his opponents. His years of experience and training provide us with a character who should be at his peak of crime-fighting. Yes, he makes mistakes, but that's only because he's human. Matt Murdock is a lawyer—not the easiest years of schooling to get through. I'm glad to see Karl Kesel has not forgotten this as he writes the title.

Not lost in all of this, either, is Daredevil's supporting cast, which continues to grow and evolve, all the while adding interesting elements to the plots and subplots. I'm particularly happy to see Karen is not working as a stripper, as I had feared the storyline would make her. (It seems to be the hot new cliche of the 90's, sadly.) Her real job is much more interesting.

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Sure, Karen's new job might be more interesting than being a stripper, but would you believe it's more dangerous?! What the heck could we possibly be talking about? Stay tuned, Murdock Mongers . . . the real fun's just beginning!

NEXT ISSUE: Everyone here at Radar Central has something special planned for next issue—the return of an old comrade of DD's!! Stay tuned, loyal Devils!

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